

### AMENDMENTS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application

1. (currently amended) A media-handling system comprising:

the printer has an output that is variable among a plurality of printer output speeds, the printer being operable to send a first list to the first accessory device, the first list identifying printer output speeds;

the first accessory device having a first input coupled to receive media from the output of the printer, the first input of the first accessory device being variable among a plurality of first input speeds, the first accessory device being configured to receive the first list and to send a second list to the second accessory device, the second list identifying speeds from the first list that are supported by the first accessory device;

the second accessory device having a second input coupled to receive media from an output of the first accessory device, the second input of the second accessory device being variable among a plurality of second input speeds, wherein the second accessory device is configured to receive the second list and to send a third list to the printer, the third list identifying speeds from the second list that are supported by the second accessory device;

the printer is further operable to set its output speed and instructing the first and second accessory devices to set their speeds according to a speed selected from the third list.

~~a printer having an output, wherein the printer output is variable among a plurality of printer output speeds, the printer being operable to report the plurality of printer output speeds;~~

~~a first accessory device having an input coupled to receive media from the output of the printer, the input of the first accessory device being variable among a plurality of first input speeds, wherein the first accessory device is configured to receive the plurality of printer output speeds from the printer and to report communicate the plurality of first input speeds to the printer, and~~

~~wherein the printer is configured to select an output speed from among the plurality of output speeds according to at least one of the plurality of first input speeds communicated by the first accessory device.~~

2. (original) A media-handling system as recited in claim 1 wherein the printer has an input that is variable among a plurality of speeds.

3. (original) A media-handling system as recited in claim 1 wherein the printer includes a print engine capable of communicating with the first accessory device.

4. (original) A media-handling system as recited in claim 1 wherein the printer includes a print engine capable of communicating with devices coupled to the printer.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A media-handling system comprising a printer, a first accessory device, and a second accessory device, wherein:

the first accessory device having a first output coupled to send media to the second accessory device, the first output being variable among a first number of first output speeds

the second accessory device having a second input coupled to receive media from the first output of the first accessory device and a second output coupled to send media to the printer, the second output being variable among a second number of second output speeds;

the first accessory device being configured to request and receive first speed identifiers for each of the first output speeds from the printer and to send a first list identifying the first output speeds and their corresponding first speed identifiers to the second accessory device;

the second accessory device being configured to inform the printer of the first speed identifiers for those of the first output speeds supported by the second accessory device and to request and receive second speed identifiers for those of the second output speeds not identified by the first list and to send a second list identifying the first and second output speed identifiers and corresponding output speeds to the printer;

the printer having a printer input coupled to receive media from the second output of the second accessory device, the printer configured to assign the first and second speed identifiers to the first and second accessory devices and to set a printer speed equal to a supported one of the of the output speeds identified by the second list and to instruct the first and second accessory devices to set output speeds equal to the supported one of the output speeds.

~~a printer having an output, wherein the printer output is variable among a plurality of output speeds, the printer being configured to communicate the plurality of output speeds; and~~

~~a first accessory device having an input coupled to receive media from the output of the printer, the input of the first accessory device being variable among a plurality of first input speeds, wherein the first accessory device is configured to select an input speed from among the plurality of first input speeds according to at least one of the plurality of output speeds communicated by the printer.~~

8. (currently amended) A media-handling system as recited in claim 7 wherein the printer includes a print engine capable of communicating with the first and second accessory devices.

9. (original) A media-handling system as recited in claim 7 wherein the printer includes a print engine capable of communicating with devices coupled to the printer.

10. (original) A media-handling system as recited in claim 7 wherein the first accessory device includes an engine capable of communicating with devices coupled to the first accessory device.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (original) A method comprising:

a printer sending a first list identifying printer output speeds to a first accessory device;

the first accessory receiving the first list and sending a second list to the printer and to the a second accessory device, the second list identifying speeds from the first list that are supported by the first accessory device;

the second accessory device receiving the second list and sending a third list to the printer, the third list identifying speeds from the second list that are supported by the second accessory device;

the printer setting its output speed and instructing the first and second accessory devices to set their speeds according to a speed selected from the third list.

~~identifying a second device coupled to an output of a first device, wherein the output of the first device is variable among a plurality of output speeds;~~

~~providing a list of the plurality of output speeds to the second device;~~

~~receiving from the second device a selected output speed at which the first device is to output media to the second device; and~~

~~the first device outputting media to the second device at the selected output speed.~~

14. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the first accessory device has a single supported speed ~~second device has a single input speed.~~

15. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein the output speed set by the printer matches single supported speed of the first accessory device ~~selected output speed matches the input speed of the second device.~~

16. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the first accessory device ~~second device~~ has a plurality of supported speeds ~~input speeds~~.

17. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 16 wherein the output speed set by the printer matches one of the plurality of supported speeds of the first accessory device ~~selected output speed matches one of the plurality of input speeds of the second device~~.

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A method comprising:

a first accessory device requesting and receiving first speed identifiers from a printer for each of a plurality of first accessory device output speeds;

the first accessory device sending a first list to a second accessory device, the first list identifying the first output speeds and their corresponding first speed identifiers;

the second accessory device informing the printer of the first speed identifiers for those of the first output speeds supported by the second accessory device;

the second accessory device requesting and receiving second speed identifiers for those of the second output speeds not identified by the first list ;

the second accessory device sending a second list identifying the first and second output speed identifiers and corresponding output speeds to the printer;

the printer setting a printer speed equal to a supported one of the of the output speeds identified by the second list.

The printer instructing the first and second accessory devices to set output speeds equal to the supported one of the output speeds.